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SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
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1. THE QUESTION OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY(SIS) WAS FIRST CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET UNION IN 1969. IN 1970 THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED A WIDE-RANGING DECLARATION ON THIS TOPIC. THE U.S. VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE INITIAL SIS RESOLUTION IN SPITE OF SOME RESERVATIONS. WE HAVE ABSTAINED OR VOTED AGAINST SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING LDC SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN USED AS VEHICLES FOR RHETORICAL EXERCISES REPEATING ITEMS CONSIDERED ELSEWHERE. THE RATIONALE FOR THE U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN THAT SIS RESTATES ISSUES CONSIDERED ELSEWHERE, CONTRIBUTES LITTLE POSITIVE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND MISLEADINGLY PARAPHRASES PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER IN FORM OF GA RESOLUTIONS. THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE UN CHARTER ITSELF PROVIDES THE BEST FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH UN MEMBERS CAN TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

2. CURRENT NONALIGNED SPONSORED RESOLUTION DIFFERS FROM LAST YEAR'S IN SEVERAL RESPECTS AND POSES A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS TO U.S. PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 4 CONTAINS INACCURATE REFERENCES TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS, SINCE NO CONSENSUS WAS REACHED AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION (RESOLUTION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION, BUT WITH FAR-REACHING RESERVATIONS, RESERVATIONS WHICH U.S. STILL MAINTAINS). PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 5 INTRODUCES ROLE OF MASS MEDIA IN SIS IN A RATHER UNCLEAR AND DISTURBING WAY. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, UNLIKE LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION, CALLS UPON STATES TO ADHERE TO PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF UNITED NATIONS WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO UN CHARTER; THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 URGES STATES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 INTRODUCES CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES OF NON-USE OF FORCE OR THREAT THEREOF. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 IS UNACCEPTABLE IN THAT IT CLEARLY IMPLIES THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE ACTION OF A STATE IN EXERCISING ITS "SOVEREIGN RIGHT" TO DISPOSE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES VIOLATES THE CHARTER EVEN WHERE THE EXERCISE OF THAT "RIGHT" VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE U.S. HAS LONG MAINTAINED THAT THE RIGHT OF PERMANENT SOVERIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES MUST BE EXERCISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. WE ALSO CANNOT ACCEPT THE CONCEPT THAT SUCH ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE STATES "WOULD"

CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 7 RAISES A PROBLEM WITH REFERENCE
TO MEDITERRANEAN ZONE OF PEACE, IN THAT IT WOULD
INTERFERE WITH COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND
WOULD SUGGEST LITTORAL STATES WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO
ESTABLISH SPECIAL REGIME TO GOVERN THAT PART OF THE
HIGH SEAS.

3. INITIAL U.S. ATTEMPT TO HAVE OUR ALLIES JOIN
WITH US IN NEGATIVE VOTE ON SIS RESOLUTION WAS STYMIED
BY TIME FACTOR, SINCE REPS DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GO TO
CAPITALS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE ON
SIS WAS 94 YES, 1 NO(US) AND 19 ABSTENTIONS (INCLUDING
ADDRESSEE POSTS). AFTER VOTE AND U.S. EXPLANATION
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OF VOTE, MANY EC REPS EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR FIRM
U.S. STAND ON THIS ISSUE AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS
TO APPROACH CAPITALS TO SUGGEST THAT EC VOTE NO ON
SIS RESOLUTION IN PLENARY.

4. IF THERE ARE NO OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY,
DRAWING ON MATERIAL CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2,
SHOULD APPROACH MFA TO REQUEST HOST COUNTRY CONSIDER
ITS POSITION ON ABSTENTION ON SIS ITEM AND JOIN WITH
U.S. IN VOTING NO IN PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF SIS
RESOLUTION. CLEARLY FINAL VOTE IN PLENARY WILL NOT
BE AFFECTED BY ADDITION OF SEVERAL VOTES TO "NO"
COLUMN. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION WILL ACT AS CLEAR SIGNAL
TO SOVIETS AND NON-ALIGNED THAT VAGUE RESOLUTIONS
CONTAINING OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
TO U.S. AND ITS SUPPORTERS.

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